

## Message Text

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C O N F I D E N T I A L SEOUL 4595

EO 11652: GDS  
TAGS: EGEN, EINV, UN, ECOSOC  
SUBJECT: ILLICIT PAYMENTS - U.S. PROPOSAL FOR INTERNATIONAL  
AGREEMENT

REF: STATE 124538

1. ECON COUNSELOR REVIEWED POINTS IN REFTEL WITH MOFA  
ASSISTANT MINISTER FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS CHOI HO JOONG ON  
MAY 31 AND LEFT HIM WRITTEN SUMMARY. CHOI LISTENED AND  
RESPONDED THAT ROKG POLICY ON ILLICIT PAYMENTS IS ENTIRELY  
CONSISTENT WITH INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT. HE APPRECIATED  
BEING KEPT INFORMED.

2. DESPITE ADMITTEDLY CHECKED PAST PERFORMANCE, ROKG  
HAS MADE MAJOR EFFORT TO REDUCE QUESTIONABLE PRACTICES,  
BOTH INSIDE AND OUTSIDE KOREA, INVOLVING BOTH KOREAN  
AND FOREIGN FIRMS. OUR IMPRESSION IS THAT THEY HAVE HAD  
SOME SUCCESS. INTERESTINGLY CHOI SUGGESTED ROK FIRMS  
WERE HAVING TROUBLE IN THE MIDDLE EAST WHERE THEY  
WERE EXPECTED TO PAY AGENTS' COMMISSIONS OF 5 - 10  
PERCENT, IMPLYING THE HOPE THAT THE INTERNATIONAL  
AGREEMENT WOULD PUT AN END TO IT.

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